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REMARKS

1. [redacted] groups of 80 to 100 soldiers with baggage assembled in front of the billets in the Turm Kaserne, Justerbog (N 52/E 69), on 25, 27 and 29 October, and on 2 November 1950. There were some officers among the soldiers. After a short farewell ceremony, they allegedly left for the U.S.S.R. to be discharged. (1) On 2 and 3 November several sedans with highranking officers and buses with junior officers were seen entering the Turm Kaserne. The vehicles left the installation after dark. Traffic-control MPs were seen at street intersections. [redacted] the officers attended a lecture in a barracks building, which was strictly guarded for the duration of the lecture. Truck [redacted] towing five new field kitchens, entered the Turm Kaserne on 3 November.

2. The only soldier observed at the Fliegerhorst Kaserne, Damm, on 1 November was a sentry at the gate. No activity was observed in the billeting area. Workmen said that the installation was occupied by 150 AF troops and 100 artillerymen. On 2 November, two tanks were seen behind the barracks buildings. (2)

3. Fuel drums were no longer observed under the shed roofs of the fuel dump in the Justerbog slaughter house on 7 November. The dump seemed deserted. Only a gate guard was seen. (3)

4. [redacted] the attics of the barracks installation in Justerbog II were cleared of rubbish on 9 November. Boxes with sand and containers with water were placed in all attics.

5. On 30 October five sedans occupied by 15 officers, including colonels, lieutenant colonels, and four majors, arrived in Camp Terder near Justerbog. The officers, who commanded elements of the 6th Tank Div, were received by Lieutenant Colonel Balbanovski (fnu), and escorted to the camp section assigned to the units from Wittenberg. They later inspected the camp section belonging to the units from Rossau. Some

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German workmen claimed to have heard the officers talking about the completion of wooden barracks, and others said that the officers had talked about earth shelters.

6. On 3 November truck [] picked up lumber in Camp Werder. Between 30 October and 10 November, trucks [] were [] hauling ration supplies daily for a unit from Justerbog-Altes Lager which was quartered in earth shelters. [] the unit from Altes Lager numbered about 100 men including the officers.

7. [] the four units from that post would not come to Werder in the spring of 1951.

8. []

- [] comments.
- (1) No similar occurrence has been described in previous reports from Justerbog. It is known, however, that numerous trains with troops have been dispatched from Justerbog toward Falkenberg-Guben or toward Kuestrin since about 20 October 1950.
- (2) [] the units stationed at the Damirairfield were alerted and departed on 14 October. The following day, only rear details were observed in the airfield installation, which previously had been occupied to capacity. [] On 23 October, only four soldiers with radio equipment were seen in the billeting area. [] The present report indicates that the units had not yet returned to their quarters by 1 November. No information on their location is available.

(3) []

(4) []

[] Lieutenant Colonel Balbanovski, (fnu), was mentioned [] as the commanding officer of a unit from Justerbog-Altes Lager. He is believed to be the commanding officer of the guard personnel in Camp Gorden-Barkendorf []

[] Lieutenant Colonel Szakov, (fnu), is the commanding officer of the 55th Gds Tank Regt of the 7th Gds Tank Div. The regiment is stationed in Rossau []

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